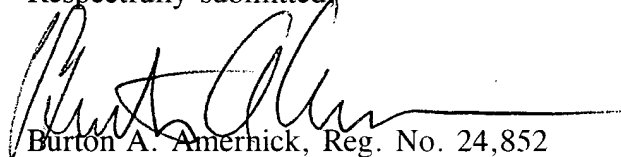


20. Implant according to Claim 2, characterized in that the gel includes mainly, as gelling agent, carboxymethylcellulose (CMC) or hydroxypropylmethylcellulose (HPMC) at a concentration by weight of 0.1 to 7.5%, and preferably from 0.1 to 5.0%.

Remarks

The claims have been amended to eliminate multiple dependency and to improve their format. None of these amendments is believed to involve any new matter. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the foregoing amendments be entered, that the application as so amended receive an examination on the merits, and that the claims as now presented receive an early allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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